

Manfred Goldberg

Manfred Goldberg was 9 years old and living in Germany when war broke out in 1939. He, his mother and a younger brother spent the 6 years of the war first being persecuted in Germany and then being imprisoned in various labour and concentration camps, finally arriving in England in 1946. He and his mother survived but his younger brother was taken away and no trace of him could be found.

On his arrival in England in 1946 he spoke no English and had had no education from 9 years old. By age 24 he had successfully graduated with a Bachelor of Science, following which he made his career in the electronics industry.

He is married with 4 sons and several grandchildren. For many years he could not bring himself to speak of his wartime experiences, but with the rise of Holocaust deniers and antisemitism, he became convinced that it was important for survivors to speak out to ensure that, particularly the younger generation, should have an opportunity to hear first hand accounts of what really happened during that dreadful period. As a result, on request, he regularly addresses schools as part of their Holocaust education programme.